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Identical letters dated 23 May 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing in regard to an incident that took place on the Israeli-Syrian border in which the Syrian Government grievously violated the 1974 Israel-Syria separation of forces agreement by opening fir · into Israel.

On 21 May 2013, an IDF jeep was on routine patrol inside Israel. Without provocation and in brazen contravention to international agreements, Syrian forces opened fire on the jeep from a military outpost inside Syria.

This was the fifth time that Syrian forces have fired into Israel from this military outpost. On 20 May 2013, Israel issued a warning to the Syrians through UNDOF. We indicated that any future attacks from this particular outpost would require Israel to respond in self-defence.

Responsibility for the event rests entirely with the Government of Syria which instructed its troops to fire on the jeep. Despite numerous complaints, they have persisted in these acts of aggression. IDF, acting in self-defence, fired back at the Syrian military outpost.

This week's events are part of a disturbing pattern of events intended to spark provocation with Israel. We expect the international community to hold the Government of Syria accountable for undermining international agreements and regional stability.

Israel will continue to take great efforts to maintain regional peace while exercising its right to self-defence. I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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